

Forest Land-Raigad

Diversion of 0.8846 ha. Reserved Forest Land in favour of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Mumbai for approach road and allied activities to LPG Bottling Plant with LPG receipt by Pipeline / Tank lorries at Rasyani in Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.FLD-2022/C.R.237/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032.
Date:- 03.01.2024**

Reference:-

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17 /Nodal/Thane/I.D-12946(77)/1248/2022-23, dt.19.08.2022.
- 2) Government of Maharashtra, Letter No. FLD-2022/CR-237/F-10, dt. 10.10.2022.
- 3) Regional Office (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter FC-I/MH-302/2022-NGP/11022, dt. 18.01.2023.
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-146178/Thane/1508/2023-24, dt.17.08.2023.
- 5) Government of Maharashtra, Letter No. FLD-2022/CR-237/F-10, dt. 30.08.2023.
- 6) Regional Office (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter FC-I/MH-302/2022-NGP/12321, dt. 13.10.2023.
- 7) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk- Letter No. Desk-17/FCA/S2/PID-146178/Thane/2023-24/2455, dt.21.11.2023.

Order:-

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal for diversion of 0.8846 ha Reserved Forest Land for construction of LPG Bottling Plant with LPG receipt by Pipeline /Tank lorries at Rasayani at village Parade and Dapivali, Tal. Khalapur and Panvel, Dist Raigad in the State of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the State Government vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted proposal to Regional Office (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur;

AND whereas, the Government of India after due consideration, vide letter under reference No.3, accorded ‘In-principle’ approval to divert the 0.8846 ha. Forest Land for the above project under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said approval is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the User Agency;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letters under reference No.4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the State Government;

AND whereas, the State Government vide letter under reference No.5 has submitted compliance of those conditions to Regional Office (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur;

AND whereas, the Regional Office (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur, vide under reference no.6 accorded ‘Final approval’ to diversion of 0.8846 ha. Reserved Forest Land for approach road and allied activities to LPG Bottling Plant with LPG receipt by Pipeline / Tank lorries at Rasyani in Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letters under reference No.7 has requested State Government to issue diversion order in the matter;

NOW, therefore, Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that the area of 0.8846 ha. consisting of Reserved Forest Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No. 1 and as per details given in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Mumbai.

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letter dated 18.01.2023 and dated 13.10.2023 of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the ‘in-principle’ and ‘final approval’ letters of Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur, referred above. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency and shall furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
2. For ensuring the compliances and for monitoring the duly prescribed activities and also to carry out other statuary duties, user agency shall facilitate unhindered access/entry in the area to the local forest Officer. In case the user agency prohibits the free access or create hindrances, the permission given under this Order for the diversion of forest area for the non-forest use shall be withdrawn.
3. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Regional Office, MoEF&CC letters dated 18.01.2023and dated 13.10.2023, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, shall amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

4. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the Conservator of Forests (T), Thane shall report through the State Government to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Item work purpose	Village	Taluka	District	Survey No.	Gut. No.	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
1.	Construction of LPG Bottling Plant with LPG receipt by Pipeline / Tank lorries	Parade	Khalapur	Raigad	23	40/1	0.8781	Reserved Forest
2.		Dapiwali	Panvel		49	63	0.0065	
Total Forest Land (Ha.)							0.8846	

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhao)
Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
3. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur.
5. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur.
7. Collector, Raigad.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Raigad.
9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane.
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag.
11. M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Ballard Estate, Mumbai-400001.
12. Select File F-10.

- I. Collector- Raigad, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Raigad and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibad are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.
- II. M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Ballard Estate, Mumbai, is hereby directed that they should publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc., along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the State Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Thane & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag.
- III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.